

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph at page 1, line 2:

-- This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/EP03/50260, filed June 25, 2003, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on January 29, 2004 in English and which claims the benefit of French patent application No. 0208939, filed July 10, 2002. --

- Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 11 on page 1.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

- Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 2 on page 4.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

- Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 18 on page 5.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

- Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 7 on page 6.

**DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**